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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2000 in which all pending claims (1-2, and 4-20) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112 (second paragraph) and 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

17. ~~[AMENDED]~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction mixture comprises a tracer.

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